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Serial No.: to be assigned : Examiner: unknown
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FOR: MULTI-LAYER IMAGEABLE :
ELEMENT WITH A CROSSLINKED
TOP LAYER

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO 1449 (R&P) submitted herewith. A copy of each of the listed references is also enclosed except for U.S. Patent Nos. 6,352,811 and 6,352,812 which are to issue on March 5, 2002. We will forward copies as soon as they are available.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

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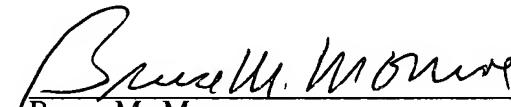
The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Applications:

- (1) Serial No. 09/469,489, Thermal Digital Lithographic Printing Plate, filed December 22, 1999, Group Art Unit 1752, Examiner B. Gilmore, allowed October 9, 2001, issue fee paid November 2, 2001;

- (2) Serial No. 09/729,765, Chemical Resistant Underlayer for Positive-Working Printing Plates, filed December 5, 2000, Group Art Unit 1752, Examiner unknown; and
- (3) Serial No. 09/638,556, Thermal Digital Lithographic Printing Plate, filed August 14, 2000, Group Art Unit 2853, Examiner unknown.

This information disclosure statement is being filed with the above-referenced application. No fee or certification is required. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

Respectfully submitted,



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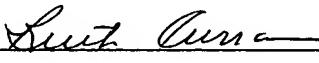
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